

SCHWAB'S RUSSIA

Steel Nagate Visits Russia in Interest of Steel Trust.

NOT OUT FOR HIS HEALTH

Grand Duke Alexis, Who Has the Handling of the Funds Agrees With Mr. Schwab That What Russia Now Needs Is a Navy of Schwab's Steel.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Charles M. Schwab seems to be making a big impression here. His reputation as a steel expert preceded him and he is being shown much attention. Grand Duke Alexis has discussed with him for several hours matters relating to Russian naval program, which as tentatively elaborated by the technical committee, involves the expenditure of \$350,000,000 during a period of ten years. Mr. Schwab has also conferred with Admiral Drobassoff, head of the technical committee, and other prominent naval officers. The war has convinced Russia that sea power is a vital one and everywhere Mr. Schwab has encountered nothing but a firm intention to build up the navy to a size commensurate with Russia's aspirations for the future. In a general way it is believed that certain arrangements touching America's share in the construction, which must go to foreign yards, have been already agreed to in principle. The details, however, may require some time to work out. Mr. Schwab appears to be entirely satisfied with the result of his visit and negotiations have made such rapid progress that he expects to be able to leave within a few days.

It is considered a great compliment to the genius of America that the Russian naval authorities desired to consult Mr. Schwab's opinion.

INSTALLATION OF EXHIBITS.

All the Available Space in the Lewis and Clark Fair Taken.

Installation of exhibits at the Lewis and Clark exposition, which opens June 1, has already been begun. This establishes a precedent for at no earlier fair was installation begun at so early a date, and it assures the readiness of the exposition in every detail on the opening day.

Every train brings exhibitors or their representatives to the city, and many are already in the field arranging their exhibits for display. There are now in all 730 individual exhibitors whose displays will be housed in the various exhibit places, and several hundred others will make displays in the state buildings.

About 300 exhibitors, whose proposed displays did not come up to the high standard set by the admissions department, or who made application after all available space had been engaged are waiting for an opportunity to get in on any terms. At present the chances of these people appear to be slim, as there have been but four withdrawals of accepted exhibits. The demand for space at the fair has been unprecedented, and numerous methods for supplying additional space have not sufficed to provide every one with a chance to show his wares.

NO GAMBLING IN ASTORIA.

Sheriff Linville Says He Will Close All Games Forever.

A report was current on the streets yesterday that gambling would be opened again in Astoria. It was also reported that Mayor Surprenant had instructed Chief of Police Hallock to proceed and collect licenses on nickle-in-the-slot machines. Several persons are reported to have paid the license on the demand of the chief. It was also stated that Sheriff Linville had given his consent to opening of gambling and machines. Mr. Linville was yesterday subpoenaed to go to Oregon City as a witness on a horse stealing case, and left on last night's train. In order to secure information on the subject, The Astorian wired to Sheriff Linville on the train. The following answer was received and disapproves the rumors:

Goble, Ore., April 25.

The Morning Astorian:

Gambling will be closed on my return and stay closed if there is any law in Clatsop county to close gambling.

THOS LINVILLE.

COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Believed That Money Can Be Raised to Build It.

There seems to be a diversity of sentiment in Astoria relative to building the new county court house. A large majority of the large taxpayers are in favor of building it by local capital. Asmus Brix states that he will be one of 12 to furnish the money and complete it and four other prominent capitalists have signified their willingness to assist. A proposition is on foot to have local capitalists build the court house and when com-

pleted lease it to the county at about the rate of interest, and the county to repay the company in annual payments according to the amount realized from a special tax levy.

The county court stated yesterday to a representative of The Astorian that they should acquiesce in the decision of the supreme court and had not and probably would not outline any plans for the future. They will be governed by public sentiment in the matter and probably would entertain any proposition of the tax payers looking toward its completion, but at present they were not in a position to make any suggestions. The sentiment prevails, however, that there is sufficient enterprise in Astoria to see that the court house is completed and that it will develop in tangible form within a few days.

ELKS BUY LOT.

Decided to Buy the Patton Property on Duane Street.

At the regular meeting of Astoria lodge B. P. O. Elks held last evening a large number were present. The important business to be considered by the lodge was the purchase of a suitable site for an Elks' hall to be built some time in the future. Two sites were offered. One, the Warren property, across from the opera house, for \$4900, and the other was the lot owned by the Astoria Savings bank, in the rear of the lot upon which the bank proposes to build this summer, facing on Exchange street, which was offered for \$6500. The lodge very wisely decided to purchase the bank property. It is 100x100 and is considered a valuable piece of property and well suited for a lodge hall building.

PAYS HIS RESPECTS

Ambassador Myers Calls on Nobles of Russian Aristocracy.

INAUGURATE MAIL SYSTEM

With the Experience at Rome He is Adapting Himself to the Circumstances of Official Duty and Will Inaugurate Some New Ideas.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Ambassador Meyer has completed his round of calls upon members of the Imperial family. His reception was of the most flattering character. The ambassador, with his experience at Rome behind him, is quickly mastering the difficult diplomatic ropes of the Russian capital, and has conceived plans for increasing the activity of the embassy and especially in the line of broadening its machinery for obtaining prompt and reliable reports from the interior of Russia for his government.

Mr. Meyer has just instituted a semi-monthly courier service to carry the embassy mail as far as Germany, a practice which has long been followed by the other embassies.

Mr. Meyer has now taken up the question of countervailing duties directly with the ministry of finance, where he is encountering entire willingness to remove the present obstacles to trade, but pour parieurs have not proceeded far and no basis for an adjustment has yet been reached.

BRIDGE STREET CONTROVERSY.

Alex Gilbert Makes a Reasonable Proposition for Street.

Alex Gilbert was up from Seaside yesterday, and states that the contention of P. Lawler & Co. that they are off from Bridge street and that his property in on the street is not bound out by the facts. It is understood that Mr. Gilbert made a proposition to the county court agreeing to do anything reasonable and just in the matter in order to secure a 30-foot street. The people of Seaside are very much interested in maintaining a good street as it is the main thoroughfare to the grove. It is very probable that an amicable agreement will be reached. Where the difficulty seems to be is that C. A. McGuire promised to give four feet on the south, to correspond with a like amount from Mr. Gilbert, but the property was sold to P. Lawler & Co. before any deed was made and the death of Mr. McGuire prevented it. The town authorities have always been of the opinion that the width of the street had been permanently established, and consequently no provision was made in the original charter of the town to acquire property by condemnation proceedings should they so desire.

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HUMANE EMPEROR

Instead of Slicing People Will Cut Their Heads Off.

MOEERN IDEAS ARE ADOPTED

Wu Ting Fang Lord High Executioner, Sees the Error of His Ways and Will Adopt New Methods of Inflicting Punishment on the People.

New York, April 25.—In response to a memorial of Wu Ting Fang, China's former representative at Washington, an imperial edict just issued abolishes the punishment of Slicing to death and substitutes immediate decapitation, cables the Pekin correspondent of the Herald.

The exposure of the heads and bodies of people after execution also will be abolished.

Immediate strangulation is substituted for decapitation.

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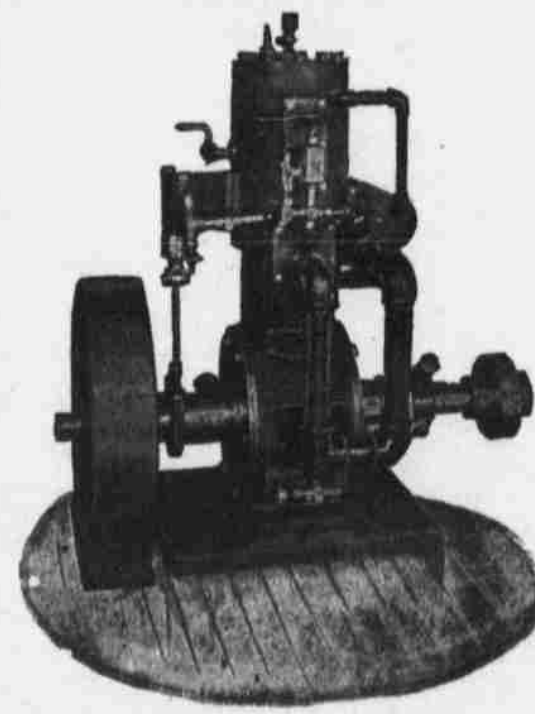
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